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# Submission OB85

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## Objection

To whom it may concern,

I write in relation to the division names of both Franklin and Clark. With significant changes proposed for both divisions, I believe both electorates require new names.

### **Object in relation to the proposed division of Clark:**

Firstly, the size of Clark has changed dramatically, expanding from just 292 km<sup>2</sup> to a proposed 6,310 km<sup>2</sup>. This substantial increase also reflects a broader demographic shift, with the electorate likely to be reclassified by the Australian Electoral Commission from Inner Metropolitan to Outer Metropolitan. Consequently, the composition of the electorate has been significantly altered as established communities such as Glenorchy, Claremont, and Moonah are set to be removed, while areas including Huonville, Bruny Island, and Blackmans Bay will be incorporated. This has resulted in a significant shift in community interests, as new areas bring different priorities and concerns to the electorate. Numbers-wise, Clark would gain 39,430 new electors from Franklin and lose 33,369 electors to Lyons. These factors clearly demonstrate that the proposed division is no longer comparable to the current division of Clark; therefore, a new name is warranted. I suggest that the division of Clark that has been put forward be renamed to:

**Hodgman** - After the Tasmanian Hodgman family, who have spent their lives focused on public service, community and leadership in Southern Tasmania. The family has been a part of many chambers, such as the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council here in Tasmania, as well as the House of Representatives in Canberra. The Hodgmans have made lasting impacts across civic life and on many issues across the state, consistently representing the people of their electorate at the state and national levels. Many members of the family have also had distinguished legal careers, serving as barristers and Queen's Counsel, and have been recognised for their contributions to law and justice. The members of the family are:

**Thomas Hodgman (1853 - 1930)** - Elected to the Tasmanian House of Assembly as the member for Brighton in 1900, Monmouth in 1903, and Franklin in 1909.

**William (Bill) Hodgman (1909 - 1997)** - Elected to the Tasmanian House of Assembly as the member for Denison (1955–1964) and to the Tasmanian Legislative Council as the member for Queenborough (1971–1983). Bill practised as a barrister and was appointed Queen’s Counsel.

**Michael Hodgman (1938 - 2013)** - Elected to the Tasmanian Legislative Council as the member for Huon (1966–1974), the Australian House of Representatives as the member for Denison (1975–1987) and to the Tasmanian House of Assembly as the member for Denison (1992–1998, 2001–2010). Michael was also a lawyer specialising in criminal law, representing several high-profile clients, and was honoured as a Member of the Order of Australia for his deep commitment to public life.

**Peter Hodgman (b. 1946)** - Elected to the Tasmanian Legislative Council as the member for Huon (1974–1986) and to the Tasmanian House of Assembly as the member for Franklin (1986–2001). Peter held many ministerial responsibilities and was a strong advocate for regional development and environmental protection.

**William (Will) Hodgman (b. 1969)** - Elected to the Tasmanian House of Assembly as the member for Franklin (2002–2020). Before entering politics, Will practised as a barrister and solicitor in Tasmania and the UK. Was the Premier between 2014 and 2020, and the Australian High Commissioner to Singapore.

**Object in relation to the proposed division of Franklin:**

This proposed division needs to be renamed for the same reasons I mentioned before when discussing Clark. The proposed boundaries are completely different from the previous ones, uniting the east coast of Tasmania and eliminating the River Derwent boundary. Also, with 35,711 people being transferred from Lyons into the new Franklin, it is clear that this proposed division needs a new name. Also, note that Franklin is currently named Sir John Franklin, best known for his work outside Tasmania. I suggest that the division of Clark that has been put forward be renamed to either:

**Goodluck** - In honour of Bruce Goodluck (1933-2016), who was a dedicated member of the House of Representatives from 1975 to 1993, and of state parliament from 1996 to 1998, representing the seat of Franklin. Goodluck was not afraid to cross the floor in parliament to ensure his electorate was effectively represented and had strong connections to the eastern shore community. His commitment to public service was evident in his ability to listen to his constituents and advocate for their needs, whether it was on issues related to infrastructure, education, or health care. His legacy continues to inspire those who value integrity and dedication in public service, ensuring that the voice of the Franklin community remains strong.

I also support the suggestion made by Darren McSweeney in Submission S8 to name the division after Edward 'Teddy' Sheean.